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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS *GAMERA: THE GIANTMONSTER* AS PART OF SCHLOCKFEST FILM SERIES

Giant Flying Turtle Wreaks Havoc on Humanity for Poisoning its Home with Radiation

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will screen the Japanese giant monster movie classic *Gamera: The Giant Monster* in conjunction with the 2011 *One Book, One San Diego* reading campaign. The film will screen at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 in the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. The monthly Schlockfest screening film is the library's homage to the classic B movies from Hollywood's Golden Age. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Gamera: The Giant Monster is a 1965 *daikaiju eiga* (Japanese giant monster film) about a giant turtle, awakened from the accidental detonation of an atomic bomb as a result of an aerial assault by American fighters on Soviet bombers caught crossing into North American airspace. The fire-breathing, flying turtle monster wastes no time in causing a rampage of destruction and wreaking total havoc on its way to reach Japan. As with most films made during the Japanese monster film boom of the mid-to-late 1960s, *Gamera* explores the by-products of war as the flotsam of bellicose humanity returns to haunt us.

The *One Book* campaign, sponsored with KPBS, is designed to encourage all San Diegans to read the same book at the same time, and to educate and enlighten on topics and themes of concern to the community. This year's selection is *The Gangster We Are All Looking For* by native San Diegan lê thi diem thúy.

Still more *One Book* events have been scheduled at various San Diego Public Library locations and partner organization venues. Find the most current listing at www.sandiegolibrary.org or www.kpbs.org/onebook.

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